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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 862 0122 84
 COUNTRY: (U) MALAYSIA (MY)
 SUBJECT: (U) IIR 6 862 0122 84 MALAYSIAN DEFENSE
 - BRIEFING FOR CODEL EDWARDS (U)
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 SUMMARY: (S) THIS REPORT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE
 BRIEFING PRESENTED TO CODEL EDWARDS BY THE MINISTRY OF
 DEFENSE. WHILE THIS IS A CONSISTENT PRESENTATION OF THE
 MINDEF PERSPECTIVE; THERE IS AN ACKNOWLEDGED OVER-
 EMPHASIS UPON BOTH THE ISSUE TO THE US-PRC ARMS SALE
 AND THE POTENTIAL THREAT POSED BY A REARMED JAPAN.
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 DETAILS (S/NOFORN)

- ANY ITEM ENCLOSED IN QUOTES IS DONE SO TO
- INDICATE AN EMPHASIS BY THE BRIEFER. IN THE TEXT
- THESE ITEMS ARE UNDERLINED TO INDICATE EMPHASIS.
- BRIEFING NOTES FOR THE VISIT OF US CONGRESS
- MEMBERS ON 16 JUL 84
- PREAMBLE
- 1. HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION, Y.E.
- DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND GENTLEMEN.
- AIM

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- 2. THE AIM OF THIS BRIEFING IS TO GIVE AN OUTLINE
 - OF OUR SECURITY PERCEPTION AFFECTING MALAYSIA'S
 - DEFENSE.

 - SCOPE

 - 3. THE BRIEFING WILL COVER:
 - A. BASIS OF PERCEPTION
 - B. PERCEIVED THREAT - EXTERNAL
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 - C. INTERNAL SECURITY
 - BASIS OF PERCEPTION

 - 4. MALAYSIA SEES THE THREAT TO ITS SECURITY ON THE
 - BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. HISTORICAL: MALAYSIA HAS HAD BITTER EXPER-
 - IENCIES OF COLONIALISM, JAPANESE MILITARISM, COMMUNIST
 - INSURRECTION, CONFLICT WITH NEIGHBOURING STATES (CON-
 - FRONTATION WITH INDONESIA 1963-1966) AND COMMUNAL RIOT-
 - ING (1969). THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENT MALAYSIA WAS
 - OBTAINED THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITHOUT ANY ARMED VIOLENCE
 - OR REVOLUTION. AS A SMALL STATE THEREFORE, MALAYSIA
 - WISHES TO REMAIN FREE OF ANY FOREIGN DOMINATION, PREVENT
 - FOREIGN AGGRESSION, ENSURE ITS INTERNAL STABILITY AND
 - PRESERVE ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

 - B. GEOGRAPHICAL: ONE CANNOT CHOOSE ONE'S
 - NEIGHBOURS. MALAYSIA LIES ALMOST IN THE EPI-CENTER OF THE
 - SOUTH EAST ASIAN REGION STRADDLING THE MAIN SEA LINES OF
 - COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PACIFIC AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.
 - IT IS PART OF THE ASIAN MAINLAND WITH THE OTHER HALF
 - SEPARATED BY 400 MILES OF SEA IN THE CASE OF SABAH AND
 - SARAWAK. IN OUR DEFENSE CALCULATION AND VIEW OF SECURITY
 - IMPLICATION, MALAYSIA TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION ITS
 - GEOGRAPHICAL STATUS BOTH REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.
 - WITH ABUNDANT RESOURCES AND ITS STRATEGIC LOCALITY IT MAY
 - WELL BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS COUNTRY SHOULD CONTINUE AS
 - A DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM LOVING AND MODERATE INCLINED STATE
 - OR ELSE DOMINATION BY ANY COMMUNIST BLOCK WOULD RENDER IT
 - DIFFICULT FOR THE WEST.

 - C. ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. WE BELIEVE IN THE PRAC-
 - TICE OF FREE ECONOMY. MUCH OF OUR ECONOMIC LINKS ARE WITH
 - THE WEST. WHEN AMERICA SNEEZES WE GET THE COLD. BEING
 - SMALL AND ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
 - UNDERSTANDING IS REQUIRED ON HOW MUCH MALAYSIA SHOULD
 - EMPHASIZE ON DEFENSE AND HOW MUCH EMPHASIS IS REQUIRED ON
 - SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BEING A MEMBER OF THE THIRD
 - END OF MESSAGE

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